

MINIMUM STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR RESEARCH PAPERS  
PARKLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
10<sup>TH</sup> GIFTED/CP

Parkland High School uses James Lester's MLA *Writing research papers*

The teacher of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Gifted/CP shall assign a research paper of **4** pages in MLA style based on an American topic. This paper should reflect a minimum of **3** sources and **3** in-text- citations.

**Each student shall:**

1. Select a topic/work(s) and submit a preliminary thesis.
2. Submit a final thesis to be approved by the instructor.
3. Prepare and submit a minimum of **3** useable sources applicable to the thesis.
4. Prepare and submit notes which apply to the thesis

**The following are minimum criteria that constitute a final paper:**

1. Minimum of 4 #12 Times New Roman double-spaced typed pages (minimum 22 lines per page) **with margins no greater than 1" (horizontal and vertical.)** that includes at least 3 in-text-documentations
2. A works cited page in MLA format, which reflects a minimum of 3 sources
3. 2 complete copies of the paper. One paper copy and one emailed to the teacher. [robertsonw@parklandsd.org](mailto:robertsonw@parklandsd.org) Place student's name in subject box.
4. The student should be able to produce all materials used to generate the final paper. These may include but are not limited to : Approve thesis, sources, notes, rough drafts.

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

**LATE PAPERS WILL BE PENALIZED ONE LETTER GRADE PER SCHOOL DAY LATE. PAPERS RECEIVED MORE THAN 6 SCHOOL DAYS LATE WILL RECEIVE A GRADE NO HIGHER THAN 50%**

**ANY STUDENT FOUND GUILTY OF PLAGIARISM WILL BE REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**HAVING CAREFULLY READ THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE  
ACKNOWLEDGE BY SIGNING BELOW**

**PARENT/GUARDIAN'S**

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_